

To: Mark Clark, Executive Director

From: Regional Managers (Bill Broughton, Butch Ogden, Tom Salzer, Stu Trefry)

Date: July 14, 2005

Re: Regional Managers Report: May 1 – June 30, 2005

OVERVIEW

- Assessments are under consideration by many conservation districts.
 - Regional Managers are busy facilitating strategic plans in many districts.
 - Commission staff assisted in delivering high-quality presentations at the annual WADE training.
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EASTERN REGION – Bill Broughton

The Eastern Region covers the Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Ferry, Franklin, Lincoln County, Palouse, Palouse-Rock Lake, Pend Oreille, Pine Creek, Pomeroy, Spokane County, Stevens County, Walla Walla County and Whitman conservation districts.

- Ray Ledgerwood and I are working with Stevens Co. CD, the Stevens Co. Commissioners and other county and city leaders to create a 25-year county strategic plan. They feel they should start by working with the high school senior classes to get the student's visions for the county.
- The NE Engineering Cluster seems to be setting itself up to do much better in the next biennium for all the districts involved. The SE Engineering Cluster doesn't need to change much for the next two years but they are making sure everyone feels they are being served.
- The manager of the Ferry CD is moving to become the manager of the Warden CD so the Ferry CD is looking for a new manager.
- The WADE training was excellent again this year with even more participants.

CENTRAL REGION – Butch Ogden

The Central Region covers the Benton, Central Klickitat, Chelan County, Eastern Klickitat, Foster Creek, Kittitas County, Moses Lake, North Yakima, Okanogan, Othello, South Douglas, South Yakima, Underwood, Upper Grant and Warden conservation districts.

- Worked with Warden and Moses Lake CDs to finalize the livestock money.
- Worked with Benton to help with their assessment and staffing issues.
- Helped Okanogan with their assessment process.

PUGET SOUND REGION – Stu Trefry

The Puget Sound Region covers the Clallam, Jefferson County, King, Pierce, San Juan County, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, Whatcom and Whidbey Island conservation districts.

- Assisted Clallam CD with their long range planning process and thinking strategically about a possible assessment.
- Served on a Pierce CD committee to rank grants for projects funded by district assessment dollars from inside the Tacoma city limits.
- Jefferson County CD supervisor John Boulton celebrated 50 years as a supervisor on June 23rd.

SOUTHWEST REGION – Tom Salzer

The Southwest Region covers the Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Harbor, Kitsap, Lewis County, Mason, Pacific and Wahkiakum conservation districts.

- Pacific Conservation District: NRCS staff assigned to the South Bend field office to temporarily fill that vacancy; position has been advertised. The District received a water quality complaint from a state agency. TMDL issues continue to impact the Pacific CD.
 - Discreet assistance on personnel and contract issues provided to the Kitsap, Mason and Pacific conservation districts.
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Field Report for 5/1/05 to 6/30/05

District	Field Region	Meetings	District Operations Review		State Audits		Other (training, other meetings, notes, etc.)
		Attended	Underway	Completed	Underway	Completed	
Adams	East						
Asotin County	East	1					
Benton	Central	4					cgr
Central Klickitat	Central						
Chelan County	Central						cgr
Clallam	Puget	2					LRP with board and staff
Clark County	Southwest						
Columbia	East	1					
Cowlitz	Southwest						
Eastern Klickitat	Central	1					
Ferry	East	1					
Foster Creek	Central	1		yes			
Franklin	East					yes	Federal Single Audit
Grays Harbor	Southwest		yes				
Jefferson County	Puget	1					John Boulton 50 year event
King	Puget	1					
Kitsap	Southwest	1					Moved to new office
Kittitas County	Central	1					cgr
Lewis County	Southwest	1					
Lincoln County	East	1		yes			
Mason	Southwest						
Moses Lake	Central	1					
North Yakima	Central	1					
Okanogan	Central	1					
Othello	Central						
Pacific	Southwest	1					
Palouse	East	1					
Palouse-Rock Lake	East	1					
Pend Oreille	East						
Pierce County	Puget	2					Served on PCD committee
Pine Creek	East						
Pomeroy	East						
San Juan County	Puget						
Skagit	Puget						
Snohomish	Puget	1					Work session on assessment
South Douglas	Central	1					
South Yakima	Central	1					cgr
Spokane County	East						2 day planning session
Stevens County	East	1					NE engineering cluster & County Strategic Planning
Thurston	Puget	1					
Underwood	Central	1					
Upper Grant	Central						cgr
Wahkiakum	Southwest	1	yes				
Walla Walla County	East	1					
Warden	Central	2					cgr
Whatcom	Puget						
Whidbey Island	Puget						
Whitman	East						
TOTAL	48	35	2	2		1	